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SECURITY INFORMATION

PROCEDURE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PETROLEUM INTELLIGENCE

ON THE SOVIET BLOC FROM ORR, CIA BY THE ESTIMATES DIVISION OF A-2

In those cases where the Estimates Division of A-2 wants to obtain petroleum intelligence on the Soviet Bloc from the Petroleum Branch of ORR, members of the Estimates Division will first present their request to the Air Target Research Branch with the request that the response from the Target Research analysts be coordinated with Petroleum analysts in ORR. If it is impossible for the analysts in the two agencies to agree, the Air Target's response will be accompanied by an ORR dissent, a copy of which will be forwarded to ORR. This procedure is to apply in all cases pertaining to petroleum intelligence of a past or current nature. In those instances where the A-2 estimators are applying judgement factors in the extrapolation of data for estimates of future situations, these estimators may contact ORR analysts direct in order to obtain the benefit of their professional opinion.

This proposal should not be construed in any way to apply to research studies and reports produced by ORR. It would be patently impossible for ORR to hold up the publication and distribution of its various reports pending coordination and agreement with all of the agencies concerned. However, whenever feasible, ORR will solicit the advice of the Petroleum Subcommittee on papers of major importance.

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